



Merrick County Board Minutes



January 28, 2013

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at 9:16 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Graves, Helgoth, Jefferson, Kucera, Hahn, Weller, and Wiegert present. Also present was County Attorney Lynelle Homolka.

Moved Jefferson, second Hahn to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:16 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Notice of the meeting was given thereof by publications in the Republican Nonpareil and The Palmer Journal and on the Merrick County website. Proof of publication is filed in the Clerk's Office. Copies of the agenda were mailed to each Supervisor and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

Chairman Wiegert declared the meeting was preceded by publicized notice and having acknowledged and identified the location of the posting of the current copy of the Open Meetings Act, called the meeting to order and in open session at 9:16 a.m.

Agenda: Moved Graves, second Helgoth to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Minutes: Kucera said there were some typographical errors and that it should say she attended the Region III meeting and the Bader Park meeting with Hamilton County would be on the 22nd not the 21st. Weller said he voted against the holidays and he had nominated Graves not Helgoth. Moved Jefferson, second Kucera to approve the minutes with the corrections. Roll Call: All Ayes.

4-H Proclamation: Austin Wells, Brittany Jefferson gave a brief presentation on 4-H to the Board. Tammy Stuhr, Extension Educator asked the Board to approve and have the Chairman sign a Proclamation proclaiming February as 4-H month in Merrick County. Moved Graves, second Jefferson to approve and have the Chairman sign a Proclamation proclaiming February as 4-H month in Merrick County. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Meeting reports: Hahn and Graves attended the Senior Center meeting; Graves, Weller, and Kucera attended the meeting with Hamilton County Commissioners concerning Bader Park; Graves, last Thursday, attended a NIRMA meeting in Lincoln; Weller attended the Bader Park annual meeting on the 21st; Jefferson visited with the Keystone people at the Loup River Inn on the 21st; Kucera attended the Region III on Friday and the Merrick County Sheriff's Department was granted a \$1,100.00 mini grant; and Wiegert attended the Mid Plains meeting on the 20th.

Official reports: Treasurer Bolte presented her six month report. Tammy Stuhr, Extension Educator gave an update to the Board on the Extension Office. The next 4-H Building meeting will be February 10, 2014. County Attorney Homolka attended the County Attorney Legislature meeting on Thursday and said that Diane Lamon is the new Child Support person until around April. Graves told the Board that LB881 needs to be supported.

Electrical Agreement: An electrical agreement for Thomas E. Mattson between Section 33 and Section 4, Townships 13 and 12, Range 7 was presented for approval. Moved Weller, second Kucera to approve the electrical agreement for Thomas E. Mattson between Section 33 and Section 4, Townships 13 and 12, Range 7. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Executive Session for employee health insurance payment: Moved Weller, second Graves to go into an executive session for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual at 9:47 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Kucera, second Graves to go out of executive session at 10:40 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Patch Panel: Beth Pullen said that all offices need to shut down all computers every night because of all the electrical problems that have been happening. Doug at Computer Concepts told Pullen that the County needed more switches. The switches do have a lifetime warranty. Doug also said that the courthouse should not be connected with the Sheriff's Office. The state said that the internet was not hooked up correctly. Doug and the State said that the courthouse needs to stand alone on their computers. Pullen said that she thought 2 more switches would be enough and that one will be more expensive because it will be either internet or fiber optic. The cost will be close to \$1,000.00 to get it all in shape. Moved Weller, second Jefferson to purchase equipment to update the courthouse computer system. Roll Call: All Ayes.

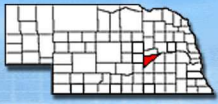
Weed Control: Weller said that there is no incentive when it comes to the Weed Superintendent position. That person should attend one Board meeting a month to give the Board a report. The Board asked the Clerk to call other counties around and see if they would be willing to take on another county and put this on the next agenda.

Meeting date change: Clerk Wichmann said that she needed to change the second meeting in November because the current meeting date will not give her office enough time to do direct deposit payroll. Moved Kucera, second Graves to move the Tuesday November 25, 2014 meeting to Thursday, November 20, 2014. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Mark Johnson with TransCanada came before the Board and introduced himself.

Executive Session: Moved Kucera, second Graves to go into executive session at 11:30 a.m. for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Weller, second Graves to go out of executive session at 11:40 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Bader Park: Weller said that Hamilton County wants to be in on the new agreement with Bader Park. Hamilton County is going to give the upkeep of Tooley Park to the River Rat Association. The new agreement will be for three years



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instead of ten. They would like to have in the agreement that a County Board member will be a member on the Platte Peer Group and a \$5,000.00 minimum from the County.

January 2014 payroll: The January 2014 payroll was presented for approval: Gross: \$100,653.26 Net: \$72,118.00; Roads: Gross: \$44,495.16 Net: \$28,870.25; Juvenile Diversion: Gross: \$2,331.33 Net: \$2,043.18. Moved Weller, second Graves to approve the January 2014 payroll as presented. Roll Call: Ayes: Hahn, Jefferson, Weller, Graves, Wiegert; Helgoth and Kucera said Ayes to the one that they signed and Nay to the ones they didn't sign.

Adjourn: Moved Kucera, second Weller to adjourn at 12:30 p.m. pending the quarterly jail visit by the County Board. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk